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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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COMMEMORATING 22 YEARS SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WILSON CENTER HOSTS ALEXANDRIA FIRE CHIEF



WILSON CENTER 9/11 MEMORIAL

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On the evening of Thursday, September 7th, the Tigers had a unique and enlightening opportunity to attend Jim Schwartz's talk at the Crawley Forum. The event centered around the crucial topic of leadership during times of crisis and was organized as part of our 9/11 Commemora-

tion. James Schwartz, distinguished by his role as the Fire Chief of Arlington, VA from 2004 to 2015 and as the site commander for the Arlington County Fire Department on September 11th, 2001, shared invaluable insights from his extensive experience and how dedicated leaders help respond in times of crisis. As the site commander during the response to the

tragic attack on the Pentagon, Mr. Schwartz played a pivotal role in leading the unified command effort. His speech primarily focused on a fundamental aspect of crisis leadership – the importance of establishing connections and building trust, both of which are essential for responding effectively to novel crisis events. To illustrate the significance of



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FRMR. CHIEF JAMES SCHWARTZ

this, Mr. Schwartz recounted an important event from 1995 when the Fire Chief of the Arlington County Fire Department wrote a letter to President Clinton. In this letter, the chief raised concerns about the potential of an attack similar to that of the Tokyo subway chemical weapon attack occurring within the United States. He emphasized that the na-

tion was ill-prepared to respond to such an event if it were to happen on American soil. President Clinton took immediate action in response to this alarm. He directed the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Public Health Service to collaborate with the National Capital Region. Their mission was clear – to develop the necessary

capabilities to respond effectively to a chemical warfare attack. This collaboration resulted in the formation of the Metropolitan Medical Strike Team, a pioneering initiative tasked with handling weapons of mass destruction. Notably, this team represented a civilian response to chemical warfare threats and was

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GLASS HALF EMPTY: COLLEGE BANS GLASS BOTTLES ON CIRCLE

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As Fraternity Circle welcomes both returning and freshmen students, the College is aiming to bid farewell to an old companion: glass bottles. According to "The Key," Hampden-Sydney's student handbook, there will be increased emphasis on enforcing the prohibition of glass bottles on campus this year. Paragraph 1 of the Alcohol Policy for Club or Fraternity Events reads in part: "The College's NO GLASS Policy will be enforced for the safety of the campus community and the good order of social life on campus. All Glass Bottle Beverages (when there are alternative options) are forbidden in or around fraternity houses, themed houses, residence halls, and campus event and recreational areas. People in possession of unauthorized glass bottles are subject to confiscation of the glass product and/or fine." By implementing these



penalties, the College is hoping to create a safer community for its students. But is the school currently enforcing these violations? There are sign posts on the Fraternity Circle that are set as reminders about the current rule. In a conversation with a fraternity member, he remarked: "I see the signs posted around the Circle. I understand why it is in place, but I have still seen glass all around campus. It might take some time before it is mostly gone, and even then, it may be

hard to completely eradicate." Fraternity leaders are hoping that their brothers heed the advice of the school and obey the new rules. One fraternity president told me, "We have had someone with glass bottles on each night of the first two weekends. Once it gets past a certain point in the night, that is when the no glass policy really makes its mark. It is too hard to clean up shattered bottles." Banning glass bottles on campus will undoubtedly lead to more efficient circle cleanups

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REST FOR THE WEARY: COLLEGE TAKES OFF FIRST LABOR DAY

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Hampden-Sydney students have just enjoyed having Labor Day off for the first time. Historically, students have had to attend school on Labor Day and Martin Luther King Junior Day; but with recent changes to the 2023-2024 school calendar, students have days off. This comes with a trade-off, as now students have lost days designated for studying in between their exam days. These days there are important breaks in between the high-stress pressures of exams, and many students fear that something will be lost academically because of it. For the reasoning behind the changes, I turned to Dr. Eric Dinmore, an Ex-Officio Member of the 2022 Academic Affairs Committee and former Associate Dean of the Faculty. Dr. Dinmore explained how the change had a multifaceted reasoning for taking place. For one,

it helps to reconcile the rough history Prince Edward County has with civil rights and helps Hampden-Sydney to be "part of the solution" when it comes to grappling with our past. It additionally helps to reinforce Hampden-Sydney's desire to become a more inclusive environment. Another part

to the year and was approved via majority vote from the faculty and the Board of Trustees. When addressing the concerns students might have about the impact on studying for exams, Dr. Dinmore noted that the Academic Affairs Committee did not "think the net loss of half a study day was going to af-

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of this change has to do with faculty support. In the past, having work on federal holidays meant that members of the faculty would have to try to find childcare. This, however, would prove difficult, as most places would be closed. These changes would allow for the faculty to be in line with the rest of the working world and stay home. Dr. Dinmore also noted that that this version of the calendar was the one with the least number of changes

fect student learning significantly." The student and faculty reactions to this change have been mixed. While speaking in support of the recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Ryan Parrish '27 has noted that students may feel stressed during exams because of the lack of a break, saying, "What if we get burnt out? What about our mental health?" Students have also noted that it may take away from their time to

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THE HISTORY COLUMN:
AMENDMENTS THAT WEREN'T, PART I

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How many amendments does the United States Constitution have? If you said 27 you would be correct. But if I were to ask you how many Constitutional amendments have been proposed and not passed, what would you say? 10? 20? 50? 100? The actual number is the absurdly large sum of over 11,000. Since 1789 when the Constitution took effect in the United States till January of 2019 there have been an estimated 11,770 proposed Constitutional amendments. But of these, few actually make it on to be seriously considered. In fact, of the 33 amendments that have been proposed for ratification only 6 have failed ratification. This article will explore 4 of those 6 failed amendments, with a part two which will look at the other 2 and then some that did not make it to the ratification stage.

Before we continue, let's recall the amendment process. There is the proposal stage and the ratification stage. An amendment can be proposed in two ways. One way is for it to be approved by 2/3rds of both houses of Congress, and the other way is if 2/3rds of state legislatures call on Congress to hold a national convention and if this national

convention approves of the amendment it is then proposed for ratification. The amendment now up for ratification, this can happen in one of two ways. It is either ratified by 3/4ths of state legislatures or by 3/4ths of state conventions called for such a purpose.

The Original Bill of Rights

As many may recall from AP Government, the United States Constitution included 10 initial amendments in order to gain the support of various states. These first 10 amendments are collectively known as the Bill of Rights. But the initial proposal actually included not 10, but 12 amendments. So what were these other 2 amendments that failed to gain ratification? The first of these was an amendment that dealt with congressional representation in the House. It stipulated that there would be one representative for every thirty thousand citizens and once the House reached 100 representatives that it could redetermine the representative to citizen ratio and that the House couldn't go below 100 representatives. It stipulated a similar set of directions once the House reached 200 members. The second amendment from the original Bill of Rights dealt with Congress determining its pay.

This amendment would actually come into effect years later in 1992 as the 27th amendment.

Titles of Nobility Amendment

Another failed amendment was that of the Titles of Nobility Amendment. Proposed in 1810, it stated that anyone who accepted a title of nobility from a foreign country would no longer be a citizen of the United States. Over the next two years the amendment gained the ratification of 11 of the 17 states, then 18 after Louisiana was admitted, at the time. This was two ratifications short of the required number to be added to the Constitution at the time. The amendment read: *"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them"* (The Constitution of the United States: Analysis and Interpretation, 49).

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER:
SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

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This is addressed to the entire campus, upperclassmen and new students alike. Hampden-Sydney is a wonderful place with a top-notch social scene. Parties abound on the weekends, and it is nice to take a break from schoolwork to enjoy ourselves. However, there has been a disturbing upward trend in reckless behavior in recent weeks. It is of the utmost importance that every single student chooses to make smart, safe decisions. This is especially the case when

alcohol is involved. Consuming alcohol, carelessly and improperly, can be a life altering choice. While intoxicated, we stop reasoning like we normally would. It is very easy to find yourself stuck be-

consumption can lead to serious injury and even death. I implore you all to monitor the amount which you consume so you can stay safe. Even minor amounts of alcohol can lead to increased stress, poor sleep,

Nobody wants to wake up to a video of themselves in that state.

tween a rock and a hard place. For instance, it is easy to consume more than initially desired and end up beyond your limits. This can compromise your health and land you in the hospital. Excessive

and a variety of other negative effects. As stated, alcohol impairs reasoning. This can and does lead us into less-than-ideal scenarios. For instance, you may begin to act

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THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

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Now that you're getting into the swing of things, it's time to show your professors what you're made of. In many classes, your participation grade can buffer a quiz or paper that doesn't go your way. Let's talk about how to make the most of it.

Do your reading.

If you don't prepare for class, you're going to spend the whole time praying the professor won't call on you. The most basic requirement for contributing to the class discussion is knowing what you're talking about. But what if the reading didn't make sense to you? You can pose

a question to the class about why the author chose that particular phrasing. You can ask the professor for an example of the concept on page 84. Be honest about what was challenging. You will get the benefit of having your question answered, and your professor will be impressed by your curiosity about the assignment.

Pick the low-hanging fruit.

If you are nervous about speaking in class, try to say something early on. Your professor will probably start discussions with easier questions, and people are often slow to jump in. This is the perfect time for you! You can get your comments in, and

you save your professor the awkward silence. You'll be their hero, and that's worth a few participation points at least.

Slow your roll.

Maybe you have the opposite problem. Maybe you have something to say about every question your professor poses, and a personal anecdote to add as well. You might be taking up more discussion time than you realize. If you've never struggled with speaking in class, you're going to do fine with your participation grade. In that case, the most impressive thing you can do is to include someone who doesn't talk as much. So, if you

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TIGER TALES

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From then on, whenever he could, the boy returned to the clearing. He would retrieve his stick from its hiding place and hold it in his hands, relishing the feeling of the rough wood between his fingers. He brandished it in front of him like a weapon and imagined himself as one of the soldiers he had often observed as they drilled on the parade field near his home. He marched to and fro, halting every five seconds to make a stern face or give an awkward salute to the air.

On one particular day, he recalled something else he had once seen some soldiers doing: holding their clubs

high over a man who lay bleeding on the sidewalk between them. A woman standing nearby had reached her small hand down to cover the boy's eyes, muttering something about public beatings and how children shouldn't see. But the boy had seen, and he had remembered. As he remembered, he clutched the stick tightly and struck out at a nearby rotting log. After three strikes, the 'enemy' finally broke in two, and a swarm of insects spilled out. The boy grinned in delight as they fled before him. And so it continued as days stretched into weeks. All too soon the precious three months of summertime were nearly over, and the boy began preparing

to head to secondary school. He had been



pondering for some time what trade he would pursue, but he was spared the decision when his crimes were discovered. It was one of his friends who finally exposed him. This second adolescent had tried looking for the boy at his home, only for the boy's mother to tell him that her son was already in the woods. The boy's friend had headed into the trees, not

STICK: PART TWO

knowing exactly what he would find

there until he found it. Unfortunately, this boy had taken the Dictator's ordinances to heart, and thus was not content to let his friend continue along the path of nonconformity. "What are you doing?" were the first words out of his mouth.

"Playing with a stick," the boy replied nonchalantly. "How 'bout you?"

"You can't do that," his friend

told him. "It's against the rules." The boy let out a small sardonic chuckle. "And why should I care about the rules? No one asked me for my opinion when they told me what to do." "The Dictator knows best," his friend replied, shrugging casually as he repeated the phrase their teachers and parents had told them millions of times. "But that's just it," the boy said. "He's not letting us think about it. How do we know that what he says is really the best for us?" "When has the Dictator ever harmed us?" his friend answered, again har-

kening back to the arguments drilled into their heads from a young age. "He's done nothing but good for

the people. His laws keep us safe and fed and healthy..." "Yeah," the boy interrupted, "just as long as you don't question him." "You're a rebel," his friend said, as if he had only just realized. "You're breaking the law. I have to turn you in." "No, you don't," said the boy. "Just stay here. Let me show you how much fun you can have when you start thinking on your own." "No, I can't do that," his friend replied, a little too quickly. "I'm sorry, but I have to report you." "If you just—" the boy tried desperately. But his friend had already turned away. The boy was speaking to his back.

THE PEANUT GALLERY

TUCKER THOUGHTS: THE ONE WHEREIN I CONTRACT THE PLAGUE

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I am, like many of you fine gentlemen, sick. I'm on the way there, at least. I awoke (unhappily) several days ago and realized that my throat hurt. I didn't feel any sore, throbbing pain like one usually associates with illness, but rather that dry, persistent burning that means one's days are numbered. It has yet to meaningfully cease for any significant period of time. It will not affect my course of action.

Some time ago, I came to the same conclusion at which any self-respecting, overburdened student with probable mental instability inevitable arrives: I do not have time to be sick. As long as I can remain ambulatory and avoid proposing a significant danger to others, I will operate as if all is well. Such is the battle fought by the undergrad. This is by no means an optimal course of action; all of you readers who are beleaguered by the Cushing Cough probably ought to take measures to protect your health and rely on the understanding nature of the faculty. Sick days are excused, but work is not nec-

essarily delayed. It is easy to blame the freshmen for this. It is easy to blame the freshmen for anything. Those icky, teenage boys coming onto our campus with all of their germs and invading our dining hall and stealing our professors are walking targets. I can't bring myself to blame them, though; it was not the class of 2027 who kept me from solid sleep or three square meals a day or drinking enough water or doing all manner of inadvisable things to my body. I know precisely who is at fault for my incumbent illness and, by the looks of the mirror, he's not doing any better than I am.

So, what do we do now? Well, aside from consuming medicine and praying, nothing. That's my plan, at least. You will see the same lanky, bespectacled Associate Editor gangling about campus as normal, but now you will know that inside that form suspends a deeply fatigued soul. Sickness at college is a lottery, except its tickets are free and compulsory and the odds are depressingly in your favor.

This strategy is, again, likely sub-

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WHAT THEY THINK OF US

by Owen Kahn '27 September 14, 2023

A Hampden-Sydney man is white, rich, well bred, conservative, and drinks more beer than water. It is also fair to say that most Hampden-Sydney men get more play than any other group of guys in America. Sydney owns." Thus spoke Urban Dictionary user "hasz" on June 7, 2004. When one takes a class with Dr. Frusetta one is immediately treated to a bonanza of cynically told stories and cheeky in-class examples about our beloved school. When he mentions certain tiger stereotypes, he frequently cites everyone's favorite arbiter of slang definitions, characteristics of people with certain names, and how schools and towns are from the POV of bored teenagers—Urban Dictionary. I had found the raw perspective of the site enlightening in the past and my interest was piqued, so I went to the site and looked H-SC up.

What I ended up finding was a veritable time capsule from the early aughts to mid-2010s (it's rumored the late Colonel Snead wrote one), with the vast majority of the definitions being from 2004-2006. Many of the definitions were similar to the one above, hitting on the historically wealthy Southern WASP demographic of the student body that was still a supermajority here in those days. They

also highlighted the unique honor code and the school "uniform" of "Shaggy hair, rainbow sandals, Hampden-Sydney ribbon belt... and a pastel color collared shirt or polo." Other definitions also mentioned the abundance of guns, booze, and girls we all know and love, and on those fronts not much has changed. The definitions reflect various patterns of thought about H-SC, from girls of surrounding schools swooning over the fun, wealthy, and chivalrous student body, to folks resentful over the perceived snobbishness, homogeneity, and other character failings of Hampden-Sydney men. Some users characterized H-SC men as good students bound by an honor code who also know how to party, while others decried what they saw as entitled rich kids on the underachieving side academically who use Daddy's money to make their way in the world.

It is no secret that things have changed at our school in the past almost 20 years. Racial, regional, and socioeconomic demographics have changed, making H-SC no longer the almost exclusive preserve of the rich Southern WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants). That a wider range of men have been given opportunities to become Hamp-

den-Sydney men is undoubtedly an improvement, but these definitions also show the things that make H-SC unique which haven't changed. Our culture and traditions may seem provincial to some, but it has been attracting and molding good men and good citizens for almost 250 years.

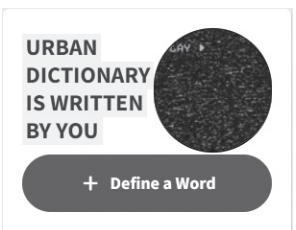
With that I'll leave you with some highlights:

"Girl 1: so where did you go last night at the party?! Girl 2: I got separated from our group, luckily a Hampden-Sydney man found me and made sure I was safe until I got back to my place" -Example given by user "Lillypultzer69" 4/7/2016

"God hates HSC and every person that goes there needs to be beaten down with a rusty shovel being that it would be a favor to mankind." -User "jinglesmaster9k" 1/29/2008

"Hampden Sydney is a lesson most Sweet Briar women first semester freshman year." -User "Done with a certain Sydney man who shall go unnamed, because I am a Sweet Briar woman with class" 12/26/2005

"...The honor code is a strict element of the academic curriculum meaning professors often leave the classroom during test and quizzes to shake out a few lines with



fellow faculty in the break room. Bill: Lets go to Hampden-Sydney College for Greek Week

John: I'd rather beat my nuts with a rubber hammer." -User "KA2011" 5 / 2 4 / 2 0 1 2

"...There, you and a group of like-minded Abercrombie & Fitch-sporting retards can whittle away four years drinking, listening to Creedence, drinking, and pretending that the South won the War of Northern Aggression." -User "Theo" 2 / 2 / 2 0 0 5

"HSC is a college comprised of all men who are nothing short of badass. Sure some might not be able to get into W&L but guys at W&L could'nt [sic] get into Princeton." -User "wayoutwest" 3/30/2006

"...But the true HS-C man is at heart a Southern boy, honest and friendly, chivilrous [sic] towards women, with a code of honor that words cannot define, a sense of brotherhood that spans decades, and hospitality as warm as Makers' Mark. He is what he is, and he likes it that way. Take him or leave him." -User "thegeneral" 8/10/2005

ON BECOMING EDUCATED

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I address this article to freshmen in particular. As you are well aware, there are many reasons to attend college. Job prospects, women, business, independence—all these and more. But you should recall, in addition, that you mean to attain these through this college, whose function is to educate you, and if you should leave these grounds having failed to become an educated man, then whatever fleeting glimpses of your goals you manage to attain during your college days will forever be left behind you.

At opening

convocation this year, much ado was made of the traditional liberal arts. I here ignore the quadrivium as an outdated division of the sciences; nevertheless, the trivium

Although it grieves me to say as much, and I apologize to the kind faculty of the Rhetoric program, the standard rhetoric sequence will not do for either grammar or rhetoric.

of grammar, rhetoric, and logic remains as important as ever. Understand that liberty, having been purchased by our forefathers at much expense and blood, belongs to no lineage indefinitely, but rather has been, so to speak, under a lease, which must be extended through

your own contribution. No man who cannot participate as an equal in discussion—through which free and honorable men provide for their own advancement, defend

themselves and their compatriots, and participate in democratic society—can even begin to maintain his own freedom, much less that of his country. So you must—at least, if you are anyhow a patriot, you must—study these three sciences; indeed, ad-

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FEATURE: Nǐhǎo, CHINESE CULTURE CLUB

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Hampden-Sydney is known for having a club for everyone. One such club is the Chinese Culture Club. After losing the club's original founder and president, sophomore Seth Spickard was elected to pick up the reigns of the club. His reasoning, "to bring awareness [and] just shine a light on the rich cultural side of China as one of the world's oldest civilizations." The club meets every other Tuesday in the Brown Post Office. During these meetings, Seth and the other members discuss ways to celebrate Chinese culture around campus



and plan monthly cultural events. The events tend to highlight one major aspect of Chinese culture, such as movies or food, while also being educational. The club's future goals revolve around expanding the club through collaborations and finding ways to grow their numbers. "Definitely try to do more outreach on the campus, whether that be through

merchandising or certain cultural events," Seth said when talking about the club's goals. Another objective is to increase community outreach. The club plans to find ways to work with Prince Edward schools and local senior centers to hold events that focus on teaching others about Chinese culture in a fun, engaging way. This outreach also

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SPORTS

LET’S GET MESSI
A STORY ON HOW ARGENTINA’S CROWN
JEWEL HAS TAKEN AMERICA BY STORM

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STAFF WRITER

I shouldn’t be the first one to tell you about this - but have you seen what Lionel Messi has been doing to your fellow Americans? Heralded by every corner of the sporting world as the greatest soccer player of all time, Messi has completed nearly every facet of the sport at both the domestic and international levels. He’s made crowds ooh and ahh nearly every game throughout his nearly two-decade-long career at the highest level in Europe with Spain’s F.C. Barcelona and a brief stint with Paris St. Germain in France’s capital city. Most notably, the five-foot-six inch tall Argentine led his nation to their first World Cup title since 1986 in a final for the ages against European juggernaut, France. Now at



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia Commons

36 years old, after countless trophies, individual awards, goals, and assists galore, the little Argentine magician has brought his talents to South Beach and Major League Soccer club Inter Miami C.F. Messi’s arrival has brought a shift in attitude and intrigue in American soccer that the nation has never seen before. Ticket prices for any club playing

Inter Miami have skyrocketed, the pink-and-black colors of the club’s jerseys are beginning to show up everywhere, and people I know who have never mentioned soccer before are happy to chat my ear off about the impact of this short fellow nearing the end of his career. However, don’t let his age fool you - this is no retirement payday for Messi. Various

news outlets covering the announcement of Messi’s signing for Inter Miami in mid-July broke news on how he had turned down eye-watering sums of money to go play in Saudi Arabia, with rumors of offers worth nearly half a billion dollars a year. At this point in his career, Messi also probably made enough money to pay for his grandchildren’s grandchildren if he needed to. It’s not the money that has brought him here, but the opportunity to shine a light on the beautiful game here in the United States. And shine he has. Since joining Inter Miami, a team languishing in the bottom of MLS standings, Messi has scored eleven goals and assisted five in his first eleven appearances across competitions for the club - despite joining the team late into their

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the sole non-military entity of its kind in the country. The establishment of the Metropolitan Medical Strike Team exemplified an essential adaptation of leadership during times of crisis. It demonstrated the foresight and initiative required to create a civilian-level response capability for chemical warfare attacks, thereby reducing the potential impact of novel crises. Mr. Schwartz also stressed another crucial facet of crisis leadership - the cultivation and

nurturing of relationships within existing networks. He shared a revealing anecdote about FBI agent Chris Combs, who identified a significant gap in the FBI’s relations with local Fire and Rescue services. Recognizing the need for improved collaboration, especially in the event of incidents like the Oklahoma City Bombing, Agent Combs took proactive measures to address this issue. These efforts paid off, as Mr. Schwartz emphasized, on September 11th, 2001.

By that time, Mr. Schwartz and Agent Combs had built a professional relationship, and they both understood their roles within the operation. Their collaboration was instrumental in coordinating efforts to save as many lives as possible during the attack on the Pentagon. In conclusion, Jim Schwartz’s talk underscored the paramount importance of connectivity, trust-building, and relationship development in preparing for and responding to un-

precedented crises. His insights, drawn from years of experience, highlighted the need for both innovative systems, such as the Metropolitan Medical Strike Team, and the fortification of existing relationships to prevent and effectively manage novel crises. It was through these measures that the Arlington County Fire Department succeeded in responding efficiently to the attack on the Pentagon, ultimately saving lives and minimizing the impact of that tragic event.



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RUBINO REPORTS:
WEEK 1

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STAFF WRITER

This first week of the NFL season had some electric matchups all around the league. It was great to see an equal amount of offensive power as well as defensive. Here are a few summaries of the games last weekend:

Texans at Ravens:

The Ravens looked strong in their home opener versus the Texans, winning 25-9. Lamar Jackson was the leader the Ravens needed and paid for. He threw for 169 yards and ran for 38 yards. The running backs for the Ravens also did well combining for 3 touchdowns - J. K. Dobbins and Justice Hill made fantasy owners proud. The bigger cause behind the Raven’s offensive outbreak is due to the new offensive coordinator Todd Monken (a dear friend of the HSC Athletic Department). We went from the two-time back-to-back National Championship Georgia Bulldogs to getting the job done today securing the Raven’s first of hopefully many wins this season.

Eagles at Patriots:

The Eagles got the better of the Patriots last weekend: 25-20. A quarterback battle as two Alabama alumni Jalen Hurts and Mac Jones went toe to toe up until the very end. Hurts threw for 170

yards and a touchdown and Jones threw for 316 yards and three touchdowns. The battle on the other side of the ball was very alive as well with a forced fumble and recovery for both teams and the Eagles getting an interception off Mac Jones. The Eagles came out on top and looked exactly like how they ended last season, like NFC champions.

Cowboys at Giants:

The Giants got beat by the Cowboys in every way possible. The play of the game had to be when the Cowboys’ special teams blocked a 45-yard field goal and took it to the house. The Cowboys’ defense was responsible for two interceptions and a fumble recovery, holding the Giants’ total yard count to 171 yards. On top of the impenetrable defense, Tony Pollard and KaVontae Turpin combined for 3 touchdowns and 96 total yards of offense. The Cowboys looked a lot better than how their season finished last year and are looking for revenge this year. If every week of NFL football is as electric as this first week, the fans are in for a treat. It is hard to tell who will come out on top at the end of this season, but it is one week closer to the beloved Super Bowl weekend in February. What two teams will be there? Only time will tell.

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start talking at the same time as a quieter student, let him go first. If you notice someone tentatively raise his hand, but the professor doesn’t see, catch the professor’s eye and point toward the student. Remember, class discussions are a team sport; make sure everyone gets a chance to play.

Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

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optimal and it’d be a misuse of my soapbox to tell you to follow me. It is perhaps better to rest and return a new man than to embark on the stubborn path of possible constant decline. So, new men of Hampden-Sydney or returning students debating sucking it up: do as I say, not as I do. Choose life. Do your work, too, though.

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GLASS, CONT'D

and easier cleanings of fraternity houses.

Though many students avoid glass bottles already, a percentage of the student population see the new implementation as nonsense. A member of the junior class relayed, “What happens when there are visitors to campus that bring glass into a fraternity house? Do we tell them to go back to the store and get new drinks? When those glass bottles wind up being left in our house, it is now our fault. It is a little unreasonable.” One spirited student sees this ban as a microcosm of the ongoing difficulties with school administration and students. “It seems like every year, the school administration wants to take a foot and give an inch. This year is no different. The recent ban on

glass bottles is not only preposterous but simply counterproductive. Focusing on the most minuscule of issues that a tiny percent of students abuse is unfair for the majority that complies with the standing rules. What happens when parents in the Founders Lot bring glass bottles to campus? Does the rule still apply?” said a senior who is well involved in Greek life. Breaking old

habits can be challenging. Restricting the use of glass bottles on the Fraternity Circle, the hub of campus social life, presents a legitimate challenge for administrators. Though it is well-intentioned and a “glass-half-full” outlook, it may be more of a “glass-half-empty” reality. Once the glass is fully empty, that’s when most problems emerge.

LABOR DAY, CONT'D

be properly prepared for the exams. “It’s just one less day to study,” said Kamden Tom ’27. From a faculty perspective, the changes are more positively viewed. Dr. Andre Pagliarini said that he supported the move, arguing that the addition of the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day is “an opportunity to reflect on the struggle for civil rights.” It is good to note this, as Farmville as a community seems to be taking

more pride in its role in the civil rights movement. He also noted that students have been given ample notice of this change and should “plan accordingly.”

Though the reactions have been mixed at best, the calendar is not set to change anytime soon. The real result of this change can only be felt when exams approach; and, until then, all we can do is speculate about the effects it may have.

RAFT DEBATE, CONT'D

stressed the creative problem solving of the natural sciences using her substitute speech giver as an example. Aside from problem solving, the importance and practicality of the natural sciences were stressed to the audience. Examples such as fixing the spaceship and helping to solve problems that come up when colonizing a new world were both used to support her case. After making her case, Dr. Kreider-Mueller and Dr. Reichart would leave the podium to let the last speaker plead their case.

The devil’s advocate was Dr. Redford, and she would be arguing that none of the candidates should have a spot on the ship. One of the two main points she would stress in her speech were concerns over supply shortages

during the transit across the stars. Her other concern was that all of the previous candidates required labs or offices to perform their jobs, stating that such professions would be ill suited for the frontiers of space where hard work and grit is more important.

After all of the candidates took to the stage, Tristin Winkler ’26, the President of the UA house and lead organizer of the event, took to the podium and using an applause-o-meter would determine who won the debate. Dr. Ava Kreider-Mueller won the 2023 Raft Debate after fierce competition from the other participants. With the winner determined, the 2023 Raft Debate was brought to a close.

FAILED AMENDMENTS, CONT'D

ment was proposed in 1861 and would have protected slavery from being affected by Constitutional amendments or from any Congressional efforts. Thus, it would have been a pro-slavery amendment. The amendment was proposed less than two months before the Civil War began but failed to resolve the issue before war broke out.

The amendment received Congressional approval, but was only ratified by five states over the next three years, three of which would later rescind their ratifications. Interestingly, Maryland and Illinois would rescind their ratifications in 2014 and 2022 respectively.

Child Labor Amendment

This amendment would have

given Congress power to regulate the labor of people under the age of 18. Since its proposal in 1924 the amendment has been ratified by 28 states, 10 short of the number of states necessary to ratify an amendment. Since there was no set time for approval, the amendment could theoretically still be ratified. However, much of the issues surround-

ing the support of such an amendment were settled under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Stay tuned for part two of this article, where I will discuss the other two amendments that failed ratification and then talk about some interesting proposed amendments that didn’t get quite as far.

CHAIRMAN’S, CONT'D

like a fool in front of friends and guests. Nobody wants to wake up to a video of themselves in that state. It may cause you to act out and destroy relationships with those around you. It can also impair your thinking so that you believe it is okay to drive. Once again, consider these factors when drinking. Make smart decisions.

As a final note, drinking and driving is never okay, no matter the distance. If you are on campus, walk. If you are off campus, call a sober friend. At the time of this writing, BEEP is getting set up. It should soon be available for the entire campus to use for free, with the expectation that you tip your driver. This is a great op-

tion to take advantage of. Moreover, ensure that just as you shouldn’t drive drunk, you should actively prevent your friends and guests from doing the same. I want each and every one of you to be safe. We have lost too many brothers already in the past several years. Don’t allow yourself or anyone else to encounter the

same fate. When we signed our pledges to uphold the Honor Code and Code of Student Conduct, we also agreed to be our brothers’ keeper. This means looking out for each other. If you see someone about to drive under the influence, stop them and/or call for help!

JIA, CONT'D

vancement in their study ought to continue throughout all your activities.

At this college, how best can you pursue this goal? Although it grieves me to say as much, and I apologize to the kind faculty of the Rhetoric program, the standard rhetoric sequence will not do for either grammar or rhetoric. It is a plain fact that such courses cannot be tailored to you, for yourself, for the faculty must make policy for the average student, the student body as a whole, and not any section in particular. The higher level Rhetoric courses are a better choice, but for grammar, I recommend you take Dr. Wilson’s WCUL 101. The fact of the matter is that his standards are just that—standard, and

thereby exacting but excruciatingly fair. Indeed, if you cannot (even for a single semester) make every class on time, complete every assignment according to a rigorously specified checklist, and otherwise fulfill requirements made scrupulously clear to you, then one can hardly think of you as a citizen, but rather as a mere beast.

Our public speaking courses are reasonably worthwhile, but you must carefully consider the value of three credit hours, which may instead be used for a core or major requirement. I, admitting my bias as the First Reviewer, would instead recommend that you attend one of the Union-Philanthropic’s Sunday debates. Plan to participate as a speaker, and meet

with one of the current membership—myself, the current Editor-in-Chief, or Mr. Connor Eickelman—to rehearse and discuss your thoughts in advance. It is, of course, also reasonable to request the same of a professor; the worst he or she can do is refuse.

The Philosophy department regularly offers logic courses. It is also possible to acquire an understanding of symbolic logic through the Mathematics and Computer Science department course Proof and Abstraction, which I shall further discuss in a future article, although I would recommend inquiring with the particular professor on the subject-matter of the course. Essential to acquiring facility with logic, howev-

er, is placing oneself within situations in which one must offer arguments, and reasoning about the structure of those arguments using one’s understanding of logic.

All this I recommend to you. If it seems to be too much, however, recall the first words of the Xunzi, and think on them: “The gentleman says: Learning must never stop . . . And so if you never climb a high mountain, you will not know the height of Heaven. If you never visit a deep ravine, you will not know the depth of the Earth. If you never hear the words passed down from the former kings, you will not know the magnificence of learning.”

CHINESE CLUB, CONT'D

includes working with other colleges and plans to travel to other Chinese Culture Clubs are already in the works. One thing Seth wanted to note about the club is that “you don’t need to know any Mandarin.” The club is open to anyone who is interested in Eastern cultures,

not just students with a background in Mandarin. “For anyone who is at all interested in Eastern cultures...this club is perfect for you,” Seth adds. The Chinese Culture Club’s next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th from 6 to 7 pm in the Brown Post Office.

MESSI, CONT'D

season. In addition, he has helped guide the club to victory in the Leagues Cup tournament - Inter Miami’s first-ever trophy - and booked a spot in the 2023 U.S. Open Cup Final. While the team may be struggling in the league and is in danger of miss-

ing the MLS Playoffs, it’s safe to say you can’t rule out anything when Messi is in the conversation. One question remains: are you buying into Messi Mania?